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WASHINGTON D.C. UPDATE

FFY 2005 Labor/Health and Human Services (HHS)/Education Appropriations Bill

On July 14, 2004, the House Appropriations Committee approved a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Labor/HHS/Education appropriations bill, which would provide \$142.5 billion in discretionary funding, an increase of \$3.1 billion. The bill and committee report language have not yet been released. As seen in the attached table which is based on funding information released by the Committee, for FFY 2005, programs of County interest generally would be funded at or near FFY 2004 funding levels. The one notable exception is that the Committee did not provide any funding for the Community Access Program (CAP), which seeks to increase access to health services for uninsured and underserved populations. In FFY 2004, CAP was funded at \$84 million.

We understand that the committee report will include language, sponsored by Representative Pelosi (D-CA), which addresses the issue that some Title I Ryan White AIDS grantees, including Los Angeles County and San Francisco, received significantly less Title I supplemental grant funding in FFY 2004. The language states that the Committee is aware that the Title I supplemental grant awards for a number of eligible areas "has fluctuated markedly from year to year, thereby disrupting ongoing programs and services ... and directs HRSA to review the processes it uses to evaluate applications and award supplemental grants and to take appropriate steps to reduce such fluctuations and disruptions."

FFY 2005 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

On June 25, 2004, the House passed the FFY 2005 Energy and Water Development appropriations bill (H.R. 4614), which includes funding for the following projects that were requested by the County:

• Arroyo Seco Watershed Management Plan	\$200,000
• Ballona Creek Ecosystem Restoration	\$200,000
• California Coastal Sediment Master Plan	\$200,000
• Coast of California Study—Los Angeles County Segment	\$400,000
• Los Angeles County Dredged Material Management Plan	\$630,000
• Marina del Rey and Ballona Creek Feasibility Study	\$175,000
• Sun Valley Watershed Project	\$ 75,000

The bill also includes funding for several Army Corps of Engineers' activities relating to the Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA): \$5,376,000 for LACDA operations and maintenance, \$57,000 for the LACDA Cornfields Project, and \$250,000 for the LACDA Stormwater Management Plan. The Senate has not yet scheduled action on its version of the bill. In the Senate, the County's Washington advocates are pursuing additional funding for the Sun Valley Watershed Project and funding to dredge the entrance to Marina Del Rey, which was not included in the House version.

Progress on the 13 individual FFY 2005 appropriations bills has been slow, especially in the Senate. The Homeland Security appropriations bill is the only appropriations bill of County interest that has been approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee to date. Moreover, Congress will be on recess from July 23, 2004 through Labor Day. It, therefore, is highly unlikely that Congress will complete action on all appropriations bills by October 1, 2004, the start of the fiscal year. Most Federal programs and activities are likely to be funded through a continuing resolution until after the November elections. Similar to the past two years, instead of enacting 13 appropriations bills, most programs would be funded through a single omnibus FFY 2005 appropriations bill.

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Reauthorization Bill (S. 2554)

On June 23, 2004, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved a WRDA reauthorization bill (S. 2554), which would authorize funding for dredging, flood control, and other water-related projects for five years. Only two of the 13 projects for which the County requested funding are authorized in the bill. Those projects are the Santa Monica Bay Beach Renourishment Project and Nicholas Canyon Beach Bank Stabilization/Revegetation Study. The bill, as amended and passed by the Committee, has not yet been printed. The House passed its WRDA reauthorization bill (H.R. 2557)

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on September 24, 2003 without including any of the County's projects. The Department of Beaches and Harbors continues to work with the County's Washington advocates, and Senators Feinstein and Boxer to explore the possibility of adding at least one more County project to the bill on the Senate floor.

We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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**FUNDING LEVELS FOR PROGRAMS OF COUNTY INTEREST IN FFY 2005
LABOR/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL
AS APPROVED BY THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
(in millions)**

PROGRAMS	2004	President 2005	Committee 2005
CDC Homeland Security Activities ¹	\$1,507	\$1,510	\$1,638
Homeland Security Activities ²	543	504	543
Ryan White AIDS Emergency Relief Grants	615	615	615
Ryan White Comprehensive Care	1,106	1,121	1,141
Ryan White AIDS Total	2,065	2,080	2,100
Community Health Centers	1,617	1,836	1,836
Substance Abuse Block Grant	1,700	1,753	1,710
Mental Health Block Grant	413	414	414
Maternal and Child Health Grant	730	730	730
Family Planning	278	278	278
Community Access Program	84	10	0
Preventive Health Block Grant	133	133	110
Social Services Block Grant	1,700	1,700	1,700
Community Services Block Grant	642	495	628
Child Welfare Services	289	292	292
Independent Living ³	185	200	190
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	404	505	410
Child Care Development Block Grant	2,087	2,100	2,100
HIV AIDS, STD, and TB Prevention	1,142	1,143	1,149
Refugee Assistance	448	473	491
Administration on Aging (AoA) Total	1,354	1,377	1,403
AoA Family Caregivers	153	156	157
AoA Nutrition	714	719	730
AoA Supportive Services	354	357	357
Dislocated Workers	1,454	1,383	1,479
Adult Training	899	900	900
Youth Training	995	1,001	1,001
Title-V Older Americans Employment	439	440	440

Footnotes

- ¹ Includes funding for bioterrorism grants to state and local governments.
- ² Includes funding for hospital preparedness grants to state and local governments
- ³ Includes funding for Independent Living Training Voucher Grants